FROM THE MANAGER



Mark Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches

An early Easter is behind us, and it is a good time to turn our attention to the up-coming boating season. In other parts of the country, they are still contending with the restrictions of winter, and discussing the ice disappearing in the Bay. Great to live in So Cal......

Along with the official start of the boating season comes the official openings of the yacht clubs. In Long Beach, we are very fortunate to have six functioning yacht clubs in our marinas. I have always been an advocate for yacht clubs, as I view yacht clubs as a welcomed partner in a successful large marina operation.

If you are not aware, we have the Shoreline Yacht Club in the Shoreline Marina, and in Alamitos Bay, we have the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, the Long Beach Yacht Club, the Seal Beach Yacht Club, the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach and the

Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. If you are not already a member of one (or more) of these yacht clubs, I highly recommend that you consider joining one. The social, educational, competitive and youth opportunities afforded by these clubs can do nothing but make your boating experience more enjoyable. Call a marina office if you need yacht club contact information.

I did want to mention the importance of good vessel maintenance. Unfortunately, we had an unfortunate situation with one of our customers. The zincs were not maintained and, eventually water broke through one of the outdrives. The vessel started leaking oil, and we had to roll emergency clean-up and then had to get the vessel out of the slip in 24-hours. Bottom line is that this situation cost the vessel owner over \$5,000. So remember, a well-maintained vessel is definitely cheaper in the long run.

As always, happy and healthy boating

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KIDS WANTED

SYC Young Sailors needs your help! WE NEED KIDS

Fleet Captain Ray Wilson, along with other SYC members, will be our instructors. Sessions will be on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 3pm, starting June 12/13 for beginners:



June 2010 Beginners Session • \$150 per child (limit 12)
July 2010 Beginners Session • \$200 per child (limit 12)
September 2010 Intermediate Session • \$225 per child (limit 8)

The Session is for 24 hours of sailing instruction.

The SYC program is for kids of ages 10 to 17. They can be your own kids, grandkids, or even friends of the family or your neighbors' kids.

This is a team effort from several members of SYC, and they could absolutely use your help.

Thanks to all for getting this program on the water.

For more information contact Bette Wilson, 2010 SYC Junior Chairman at 562.627.1726 or nipomolb@yahoo.com

GAY PRIDE PARADE

The 27th Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration will be returning to Long Beach on May 15th & 16th. The event hours are from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. both days.

The Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon and Shoreline Drive will be used for vendor booths, entertainment, and great food. The parade will take place on Sunday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The parade travels on Ocean Blvd. from Temple Ave. to Alamitos Ave. If you would like additional festival information, you

may call 562.987.9191 or visit www.longbeachpride.com.

Driving Directions

Beginning Monday, May 10th, Linden Avenue will be closed. To enter the Long Beach Shoreline Marina, you will need to use Shoreline Village Drive.

Beginning Thursday, May 13h, Shoreline Drive will be closed. The ONLY entrance to the Long Beach Shoreline Marina will be from Pine Ave, eastbound Shoreline Drive to Shoreline Village Drive.



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PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency
911

or 9911 (Dock Phone)

Non Emergency **562.435.6711**

Maintenance during working hours 562.570.1582

Alamitos Bay Office 562.570.3215

Shoreline Office 562.570.4950

Rainbow Harbor **562.570.8636**

After office hours 562.570.3101

CLASSES

Getting Down to Basics About Boating Safely

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 06-10 will offer **About Boating Safely** in a four-session format. The class will begin Monday, May 3, at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 Marina Drive, Long Beach, (in Alamitos Bay), 90803. The class will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The course describes types of boats, including PWCs, trailering, rules of the road and navigation, operating a boat, legal requirements and boating emergencies.

The \$40 fee includes the text and a proctored examination that is required to receive a certificate of completion. Many insurance companies offer discounts to boaters completing the course. It also course satisfies court impositions.

Pre-registration is required. Call Beth or Burt Irwin 714.897.5200 or e-mail abirwin [@earth link.net.

The Alamitos Sail and Power Squadron will be presenting its Seamanship Course starting on Monday evening, May 10, 2010 in Seal Beach. This is a six to seven week class that focuses on topics such as basic seamanship, navigation rules, responsibilities of the skipper and boating safety. It is the foundation for more advanced courses offered by the United States Power Squadrons. (For more information about USPS courses go to www.usps-alamitos.org/education/education_classes.htm.)

The cost of the class is \$50 and pre-registration is required. For details and to register, contact Dick Daybell at 714.801.7319 or Rdaybell@earthlink.net.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Class

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 5-12 Sailing Skills and Seamanship is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater. The class will be held on Friday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. beginning May 7, 2010 at the Long Beach Police Station in Belmont Shore, 5373 E. Second Street (2nd street and Clairmont), Long Beach, CA 90803/

This is a 9 week course that covers boats, sails, crew responsibilities, sail trim, points of sail, and rules of the road under sail, deck safety, man overboard, clothing, and seasickness.

The cost for this course is \$45 and includes a manual. Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete courses such as these along with Sailing Fundamentals or Boating Skills and Seamanship.

All students who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be holding a class this class on Friday

Pre-registration is required. Contact Bob Vatz 562.493.3479 or email him at BOBNFLIP@aol.com for more information.

Boating CLEAN and GREEN

Spill-proof your fueling practices - Prevent fuel spills by filling fuel tanks slowly and carefully and by using absorbent pads or rags to catch drips and spills. Don't "top off" or overflow your fuel tank and leave 5% empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms.

Do not add soap - Never use soap to disperse fuel and oil spills. It increases harm to the environment, and it is illegal.

Minimize boat cleaning and maintenance in the water - If possible, save maintenance projects for the boatyard. When performing work on the water minimize your impact by containing waste using tarps and vacuum sanders, and collect all drips and debris for proper disposal.

Reduce toxic discharges from bottom paints - Minimize the discharge of heavy metals that come from soft-sloughing antifouling paints by using a hard, less toxic, or nontoxic antifouling paint. Use only non-abrasive underwater hull cleaning techniques to prevent excessive paint discharge. Remember, dry storage and reduces the need for antifouling paints and saves money.

Dispose of hazardous waste properly - Dispose of paints, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters and other hazardous wastes at a hazardous waste collection facility or event. Call I-800-CLEAN-UP for a location near you. Recycle paints, batteries, oil, oil filters and antifreeze.

Plan A-head! Manage sewage wastes properly - Never discharge sewage within 3 miles of shore. Use harbor pump-out stations and shore-side facilities. If you don't have an installed toilet, use a port-a-potty and empty it at harbor dump station or bathroom.

Stow it, do not throw it! Keep your trash on board. Never throw cigarette butts, fishing line, or any other garbage into the ocean. Take advantage of shore-side facilities to recycle plastic, glass, metal, and paper.

Reduce gray-water discharges - Use a phosphate-free soap to minimize the impacts of greywater on the marine environment. Also minimize discharge by doing dishes and showers on shore whenever possible.